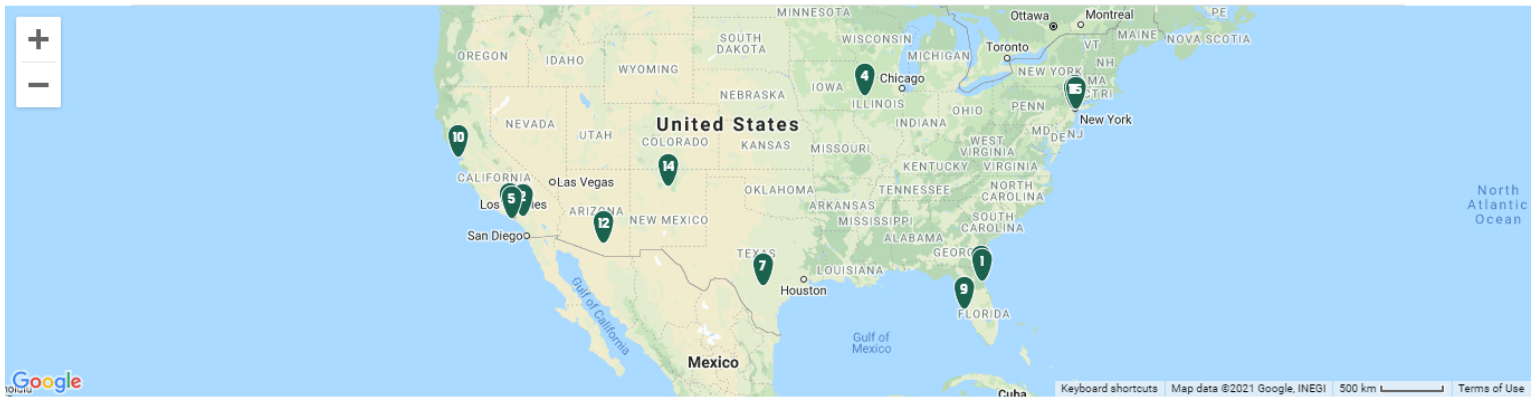


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15 Places to Celebrate Hispanic and Latino Heritage

From taquerias to libraries, a few locations to kick off the month-long festivities.

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Hispanic Heritage Week was first established in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1988, the Reagan Administration expanded it to 30 days, and from then on, September 15 through October 15 has been known as Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States. The start date of the celebration also holds historical significance as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua all recognize it as their day of independence.

The celebration was designed to highlight the history, contributions, traditions, and heritage of U.S. residents whose ancestors hail from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, Central, and South America. Across the country, in the forms of art, architecture, customs, and cuisine, it's not hard to find places that owe their existence to these rich cultures.

Since 1982, the Salvador Dalí Museum has called St. Petersburg, Florida home. Stepping inside this unique structure home to some of Dalí's masterworks is akin to venturing through a dream crafted by the Surrealist artist. In Silvis, Illinois an ordinary street was transformed into an enduring tribute to military veterans—all crafted by Mexican immigrants. From trails and murals to the largest collection of Spanish art and manuscripts outside of Spain, these are 15 fascinating places to celebrate Hispanic and Latino heritage.

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ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Fort Matanzas National Monument

An 18th-century Spanish watchtower made entirely of seashell and concrete.



RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Tio's Tacos

The courtyard of this California taqueria is filled to the brim with folk art.



NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Hispanic Society Museum and Library

This Manhattan museum houses one of the largest collections of Spanish art and manuscripts outside of Spain.



SILVIS, ILLINOIS

Hero Street USA

Lined with plaques and tributes to veterans, this patriotic street was founded by Mexican immigrants.



COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum

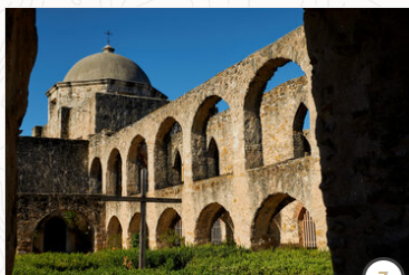
This museum honors the first Spanish land grant in California which is still in the hands of the original owner's family.



ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Old Spanish Trail Zero Milestone

In this case, 'zero' marks the spot where the iconic Old Spanish Trail ends.



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Mission San Jose

Three hundred years of preserved Spanish colonial history in San Antonio.



SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

Mitla Cafe

The Route 66 institution that inspired Taco Bell also served as an important headquarters for Mexican-American social movements.



ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Salvador Dalí Museum

Florida might be at its most surreal in this museum devoted to the famed Spanish artist.



SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Spanish Monastery Stones

The remains of a 12th-century chapter house are scattered throughout Golden Gate Park.



NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Camilo Egas Mural at the New School

After surviving abandonment, this powerful Latin American mural is alive again.



TUCSON, ARIZONA

El Charro Cafe

One of the oldest Mexican restaurants in the United States air-dries its trademark beef in a dangling outdoor cage.



LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

José de San Martín Bust

A forgotten tribute to a South American hero hidden in a cluster of traffic islands.



CHIMAYO, NEW MEXICO

El Santuario de Chimayo

This popular pilgrimage site offers a hole filled with holy healing dirt.



QUEENS, NEW YORK

Luna de Xelajú

Deliciousness abounds at a Guatemalan restaurant masquerading as a pizzeria.

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